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NOTICE.

The State Society meets in San Francisco April 17th, 18th and 19th. This will be the Semi-Centennial year and the meeting will be an unusually good one.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The prospect of securing special rates to the next meeting of the A. M. A., which will be held at Boston, June 5th to 8th, seems to be very good indeed at the time of writing. Pacific Coast physicians have for years been the only members of the profession in the United States who had to pay full fare every year in going to these meetings. The Trans-Continental Passenger Association, the body which fixes these things, recently met in Chicago and fixed up rates for the summer meetings. There is to be a meeting of the Knights of Columbus at New Haven June 3rd to 9th and tickets at the special rate fixed will be on sale in this state May 25th, 26th and 27th; the going time is limited to June 9th, and the final return limited to August 31st. From this state tickets "will be sold to Eastern terminals only," and the rate fixed is one thirty-day first-class fare to Chicago and return, plus the rate fixed by Eastern connections. At the time of writing the secretary of the State Society is trying to arrange so that purchasers of these tickets who attend the A. M. A. meeting in Boston may have their return tickets validated in Boston and not be compelled to go to New Haven for that

purpose. The prospect of securing this concession seems good, but even if it cannot be arranged, the one-fare rate, plus the local fare from Boston to New Haven, will be very much less than the regular rates which heretofore we have been compelled to pay. It is to be hoped that a large number of our physicians will take advantage of this opportunity to attend what will undoubtedly be the biggest meeting the Association has ever held.

The present is an exceedingly interesting period in medical development in this country. The last three or four generations of the last century saw the growth of many medical schools and the output of many physicians. It is safe to say that over half the "schools" were quite unnecessary and as large a proportion of their output were so poorly educated as to have little if any real claim to the title of doctor of medicine. There was nothing to prevent the "diploma mill" from flourishing and nothing to require adherence to any standard on the part of any medical school. A few years ago it was estimated that about half the physicians in this country made no effort to keep up with medical progress by reading current medical literature. But all this is changing. With the advent of the medical practice laws requiring an examination, came a fatal illness to "diploma mills" and private medical schools which did not or could not give a satisfactory medical education. The privately owned and "published-for-profit" medical journal and the nostrum maker appeal not to the intelligent, but to the ignorant, and they, too, are afflicted with the same illness which is causing the timely death of the "diploma mill." All over the country medical organizations are awaking to the fact that it is highly desirable to own and control their own medical publications, and thus have a medium for intercommunication and for publishing the truth. Who, for instance, would look to the *New York Medical Journal*, with its expressed leaning toward the nostrum maker, or the *Medical Record*, with quite as acute a leaning in the same direction, and a dignity which will not permit its editorial pages to know that its advertising pages exist, who would expect either of these journals to discuss in plain words and with unbiased judgment the evils of the nostrum business as they affect the medical profession? Who would expect any of the host of small, privately owned "medical" journals throughout the country, many of them owned and edited by ignorant men and intended to be read by other and quite as ignorant subscribers, to print the truth about the frauds and worthless nostrums which subsidize them? Thus the state journals have come to stay. The day of the uneducated physician is gone, and the day of nostrum-supported and "published-for-profit" medical journals is almost at its end. Some farsighted advertisers have recognized this fact